

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 442
By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to recognize Gwendolyn B. Claybrooks on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Claybrooks is one such estimable educator; having distinguished herself as an exemplary classroom teacher, she will soon enter into a well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, throughout her illustrious tenure with the Wilson County and Metropolitan Nashville School Systems, Ms. Claybrooks has served with the utmost acumen and alacrity, instructing and positively influencing her students; and

WHEREAS, she attained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Tennessee State University, earned her elementary certification from Trevecca Nazarene College, and received a Master of Arts degree in reading education from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Claybrooks has also gained state certification as a Reading Specialist for grades K-12 and completed 30 hours beyond her Master of Arts degree, honing her magnificent skills in and mastery of elementary education methods classes; and

WHEREAS, after teaching junior high and high school in Metropolitan Nashville, Gwendolyn Claybrooks dedicated eight years to Southside Elementary School and the remainder of nearly thirty stellar years of teaching were spent with the children of Lakeview Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Claybrooks truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Claybrooks is an active and important part of her community and profession, participating in and lending her support to numerous civic and educational organizations; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Ms. Gwendolyn Claybrooks has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and students alike; and

WHEREAS, she is perhaps proudest of the love she shares with her three grandchildren, Nia, Morgan, and Ali; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Claybrooks truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized for her manifold achievements on the occasion of her retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Ms. Gwendolyn B. Claybrooks, commending her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, saluting her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extending to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.